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Title: AVIAN GHD GENES AND THEIR USE IN METHODS FOR SEX IDENTIFICATION IN BIRDS

which is described and claimed in:

- () the attached specification, or
 () the specification in the application Serial No. _____ filed _____;
 and with amendments through _____ (if applicable).
 (X) the specification in International Application No. PCT/ GB96/01341 filed _____,
5 June 1996, and as amended on 13 June 1997 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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